



# Townsend Junior High School

## Student Elective Options 2023 - 2024

May 1-9, students will indicate their preference for one of the following elective options by completing the Course Request in the Aeries Portal. Elective class offerings are subject to change and are contingent on staffing availability.

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**Elective Wheel:  
(One/Trimester)**

Students will be placed into a different elective *each* trimester. Classes will include 3 of the following: Art, Woodshop, Beg Inst (Piano Lab), Drama, or Life Essentials. **(Assigned electives are chosen at random due to availability. Student preference in Aeries Portal will be taken into consideration. We will try our best to accommodate student preference in one of the three trimesters throughout the year. Electives cannot be repeated in the same year.)**

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**Beginning Band  
(Year Long)**

Students will be introduced to reading music and playing various instruments. **(Practices are held after school hours. Please contact [anne\\_rutt@chino.k12.ca.us](mailto:anne_rutt@chino.k12.ca.us))**

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**Advanced Band  
(Year Long)**

Students must be approved by the band director for placement. **(If students are new to Townsend JHS, tryouts may be arranged. Practices are held after school hours. Please contact [anne\\_rutt@chino.k12.ca.us](mailto:anne_rutt@chino.k12.ca.us))**

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**Percussion  
(Year Long)**

Students will learn how to read music and play percussion instruments. **(Practices are held after school hours. Please contact [anne\\_rutt@chino.k12.ca.us](mailto:anne_rutt@chino.k12.ca.us))**

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**Choir  
(Year Long)**

Students will have fun developing their singing skills to prepare them for joining various levels of choir at Chino Hills High School.

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**Medical Detectives  
(Year Long)**

Students will be given a variety of hands-on projects and labs that mimic real life medical mysteries. Through crime scene analysis and investigation, they are required to solve mock cases. **(8<sup>th</sup> Graders only, listed in Aeries as "Prin Biomedical")**

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**AVID  
(Year Long)**

Advancement via Individual Determination is a college preparatory program that helps guide students to succeed in a rigorous curriculum by focusing on organization, critical thinking, study skills, and presentation skills. **(Students must submit an application packet. Class roster will be determined after applicant interviews)**

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**Teacher's Aide  
(Year Long)**

Students will learn responsibility and accountability by helping teachers, office staff, and/or admin with various tasks. **(8<sup>th</sup> Graders only. Teacher approval is required. PLEASE PICK UP THE "TEACHER T.A. RECOMMENDATION" FORM IN THE OFFICE.)**